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- 1. THERE IS GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST HERE IN TRUNKLINE FPC DECISION (MENTIONED PARA TWO REFTEL) AND ITS POSSIBLE RELEVANCE TO PERTAMINA CASE. IF POSSIBLE, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT POUCHING US COPY OF DECISION FOR FORWARDING TO OIL AND GAS DIRECTOR WIJARSO.
- 2. RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH BOTH WIJARSO AND TIRTO INDICATE THAT FORMAL EXTENSION OF PACIFIC LIGHTING CONTRACT MAY NOT BE AS EASILY OBTAINED AS IN PAST. THIS IS PARTLY DUE FACT THAT PERTAMINA'S HARYONO HAS NOT FULLY FOCUSED ON PROBLEM AND THEREFORE HAS NOT BRIEFED FOI CABINET MINISTERS OF IMPORTANCE THIS RENEWAL. THERE IS ANTICIPATION THAT GOI MAY WISH GREATER DEGREE OF ASSURANCES THAT A) DECISION WILL BE FORTHCOMING SOON AND B) DECISION WILL BE FAVORABLE. THERE IS OTHER CONCERN THAT FPC APPROVAL COULD BE FORTHCOMING ONLY TO HAVE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DENY PERMISSION FOR LNG TERMINAL SITING.
- 3. AS CAN BE IMAGINED, THERE IS MUCH MISINFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL

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FLOATING ABOUT JAKARTA ON SUBJECT INDONESIAN LNG FOR CALIFORNIA. (FOR EXAMPLE, GUY PAUKER REPORTEDLY TOLD MINES MINISTER SADLI RECENTLY THERE WAS "NO WAY" ASSEMBLYMAN GOGGINS AND/OR CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY WOULD PERMIT LNG TERMINAL IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.) THANKS TO EXCELLENT SITUATION REPORTS AS CONTAINED REFTEL, WE ARE ABLE KEEP FACTS STRAIGHT ON THIS COMPLICATED SUBJECT.

CONTINUED REPORTING WOULD BE APPRECIATED. NEWSOM	
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